ways in Assam during the last three years is as under:—

1995-96	Rs. 1650.00 lakhs
1996-97	Rs. 1212.00 lakhs
1997-98	Rs. 1821.00 lakhs

(b) and (c) The policy of private sector participation is in place. However, no such proposal has been received from the Government of Assam.

Cargo Handled by Major Ports

4587. DR. B.B. DUTTA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the volume of cargo handled by major ports in the country during 1997-98, month-wise and port-wise;

(b) whether Government have any plan to modernise the major ports to enhance their cargo handling capacity; and

(c) if so, the details thereof alongwith funds earmarked for this during 1998-99, port-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (DR. DEBENDRA PRADHAN): (a) A statement showing the volume of cargo handled by Major Ports in the country during 1997-98, month-wise and port-wise is at Annexure [*See* Appendix 184 Anneuxre No.]

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) During 1998-99, an outlay of Rs. 726 crores has been earmarked for augmenting the Port capacity which will include creation of new facilities and also modernisation of port infrastruture. The Port-wise details of fund earmarked for modernisation of Major Ports is as under:—

(Rs. in Crores)

Ports	Outlay
Calcutta	30.00
Mumbai	110.00
J.L. Nehru	70.50
Chennai	170.00
Cochin	10.00
Vizag	50.00
Kandla	65.00
Mormugao	15.00
Paradip	120.00
New Mangalore	30.00
Tuticorin	55.00
TOTAL	726.00

Inadequate Port Facilities to Mother Ships

4588. SHRI VAYALAR RAVI: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the fact that port facilities are not enough for the Mother ships to berth in the ports of the Southern part of the Country;

(b) whether Government are aware of study report on the development of Cochin Port for the Mother ships to berth; and

(c) if so, the action taken on the request of Cochin Port for such development?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (DR. DEBENDRA PRADHAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Container Transhipment Terminal at Vallarpadam—Cochin is proposed to be developed on Build, Operate and Transfer basis and 'Expressions of Interest' for the same have been received by Cochin Port Trust from private parties.

राष्ट्रीय राजमार्गों/पुलों के लिए विश्व बैंक/एशियाई विकास बैंक से ऋण

4589. **श्री दिलीप सिंह जूदेव:** क्या जल-भूतल परिवहन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) गत तीन वर्षों के दौरान नए राष्ट्रीय राजमार्गों/पुलों के निर्माण और सुधार मरम्मत हेतु विश्व बैंक/एशियाई विकास बैंक और अन्य वित्तीय संस्थानों से